

HB 2050 -- School Superintendents

Sponsor: Scharnhorst

This bill specifies that, beginning July 1, 2013, a school district will no longer have the authority to contract with a superintendent, except as specified in the bill or if the district is under a special administrative board. The office of superintendent becomes elective as of the opening date of candidate filing for school board elections in 2013. In the event that no candidate files for election, a majority of the school board members may appoint an interim superintendent who will serve until July 1 after the next available election that produces a candidate. A superintendent must be a state resident, hold a valid Missouri administrator's certificate, and have five years of school administrative experience. The term will be for three years or until his or her successor takes office. The salary for a superintendent is based on the average daily attendance over three of the last four school years. The salary of the superintendent of a district with an average daily attendance of 350 or less must not exceed 110% of the average salary of the district's certificated staff. A superintendent in a district that has an average attendance of 351 or more must be paid no less than 60% and no more than 120% of the average salary of the district's certificated staff.